§178.358 Specification 21PF fire and shock resistant, phenolic-foam insulated, metal overpack.

§178.358–1 General requirements.

(a) Each overpack must meet all of the applicable requirements of §§173.24, 173.411, and 173.412 of this subchapter.

(1) Specification 21PF–1 overpacks includes the series of 21PF–1, 21PF–1A, and 21PF–1B models. Details of the three models are included in CAPE–1662, Revision 1 and Supplement 1.

(2) Drawings in CAPE–1662, Revision 1 and Supplement 1, which include bills of materials, and K/SS–471, are a part of this specification.

(b) Each overpack is authorized for use in applications where the maximum gross weight of the package, including the inner container and contents does not exceed 3725 kilograms (8200 pounds), (horizontally-loaded specification 21 PF–1 unit), or 3900 kilograms (8600 pounds), (end-loaded specification 21 PF–2 unit).

(c) The general configuration of the overpack must be a right cylinder, consisting of a steel inner liner (at least 16-gauge) and steel outer shell (at least 14-gauge) with the intervening cavity filled with a molded-in-place, fire-resistant, phenolic foam insulation and interspersed wooden members for bracing and support. Two specific configurations are authorized; a horizontal loading unit (specification 21PF–1) consisting of insulated base and top sections jointed in a longitudinal peripheral closure joint; or an end-loading unit (specification 21PF–2), consisting of an insulated main section, a steel plate liner lid, and an insulated end cap. For either type each joint between sections must be stepped at least 1.8 centimeters (0.75-inch) and gaps between mating surfaces may not exceed 5 millimeters (0.2-inch). Bolted closures, which must each be gasketed against moisture penetration, must be in accordance with CAPE–1662. Each bolt must be equipped with a locking device to prevent loosening from vibration. Outer steel bracing and support framework must be attached to the shell to facilitate normal handling.

(d) Specification 21PF–1 overpacks in use or under construction before April 1, 1989, must be modified to Specification 21PF–1A before April 1, 1991. All new construction to Specification 21PF–1 beginning after March 31, 1989, must meet Specification 21PF–1B. Use of unmodified 21PF–1 overpacks after March 31, 1991, is prohibited.

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§178.358–2 Materials of construction and other requirements.

(a) Phenolic foam insulation must be fire resistant and fabricated in accordance with USDOE Material and Equipment Specification SP–9, Rev. 1 and Supplement, which is a part of this specification. (Note: Packagings manufactured under USAEC Specification SP–9, and Rev. 1 thereto are authorized for continued manufacture and use.) A 5.5-inch (14 centimeter) minimum thickness of foam must be provided over the entire liner except where:

(1) Wood spacers replace the foam material; or

(2) At protrusions of liner or shell, such as flanges, baffles, etc., where the minimum thickness of foam, wood, or a combination of these is 10 centimeters (4 inches).

(3) Solid wood or laminated wood solidly glued may be used to replace the foam between liner and shell (i.e., in ends of overpack). In this case, minimum wood thickness is 10 centimeters (4 inches). Average density of insulation must be 0.1g/cc (6.75 pounds per cubic foot (pcf)) minimum, except that 0.13 g/cc (8 pcf) is required in the removable end cap of the specification 21PF–2, which must have a minimum foam thickness of 12.7 centimeters (5 inches).

(b) Gaskets for inner liner, outer shell, or where otherwise specified in CAPE–1662, Revision 1, must be as specified in CAPE–1662, Revision 1.

(c) Support and pressure pads for the inner liner must be of neoprene, sponge rubber, or equivalent.

(d) Fire-retardant (intumescent) paint must be applied to any wood blocking which is located at any joint in the shell.

(e) Vent holes 5 millimeters (0.2-inch) diameter must be drilled in the outer shell to provide pressure relief during